

SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

April 10th, 2016

“Humble yourselves therefore
under the mighty hand of GOD,
that he may exalt you in due time:
Casting all your care upon HIM;
for HE careth for you”

1 PETER 5:6-7

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Schedule of Services

Sunday School 10:00 am

Sunday Worship 11:00 am

Wednesday Worship 7:00 pm

Nursery

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

Happy B'lated Birthday!

Virgil Gibbs — April 4th

As the LORD leads you, please uphold the Luman family in prayer

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“It doesn’t matter *where* we die, or *when* we die, or even *how* we die: but oh! how vitally important to die *in* CHRIST!”

(2 TIMOTHY 1:12)

“...PURIFYING THEIR HEARTS BY FAITH.” (ACTS 15:9)

I’m so glad our LORD does not render the word *purify* in the past tense, but rather in the present tense. All of God’s people need, a daily, moment by moment, never ending purifying from sin. Praise the LORD the pardon God’s people find through the faith of CHRIST is a never ending, ever present, fount of pardon. Amen. (ROMANS 8:33-34)

PASTOR

WHATSOEVER YE SHALL ASK (JOHN 15:16)

Our Lord said “...*whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you*” What is our Lord Jesus Christ talking about? — “*Whatsoever ye shall ask...*”

Do you know what His name means? JESUS means ‘*GOD is salvation*’; this is what the angel of the Lord declared to Joseph “*thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he SHALL save his people from their sins.*” (MATTHEW 1:21)

All His beloved people will be made to pray, as Peter prayed “*Lord, save me!*” (MATTHEW 14:30) as the Canaanite woman prayed “*Lord, help me!*” (MATTHEW 15:22-28) as his disciples prayed “*Lord, save us: we perish!*” (MATTHEW 8:25)

Oh! that the LORD give someone reading this bulletin the ability to see His glory and perfection, and your need of it! The glory and perfection of the only man acceptable in His sight, and make you to pray in the name of that man, as only His people can by God's sovereign grace — **“*Lord, save me!*”, “*Lord, help me!*”, “*Lord, save me: else I perish!*”**

May the Lord be pleased to let you hear Him say “*Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith?*” and rebuke the winds and the sea of our unbelief, and grant us the great calm that is ours by the peace He has made for us through the blood of his cross. (COLOSSIANS 1:20)

“*All that the FATHER gives ME,*” our beloved Lord said, “*SHALL come to ME.*” Your only refuge sinner, Christ Jesus our Lord, is crossing your path through the preaching of the Gospel of God—cry out to him as all his chosen cry out “*God be merciful to me a sinner.*” (LUKE 18:13)

Beloved, our Lord Jesus Christ said “*...whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.*” God give you grace to pray for yourself!—**“*LORD JESUS, save me: else I perish!*”** If that is your ardent prayer, it is because He first prayed for you, because He has chosen you beloved, you did not choose Him. “*But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption*” (1 CORINTHIANS 1:30)

LORD grant all your people wisdom, grant us your righteousness, your sanctification, and your redemption. That we may do, according to as it is written, let us glory in YOU.

Come to CHRIST, you who labour and are heavy laden with sin “*...ask of the Father in [CHRIST's] name, [that] he may give it you.*”; a full and complete pardon of sin, and a righteousness not our own. Amen!

PASTOR

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“Beloved, our gospel is not about believing in *something*, it is about believing and trusting *someone*; The Lord Jesus Christ.”
(2 TIMOTHY 1:12)

PREACHING

Preaching at one of our Bible conferences several years ago, Pastor Scot Richardson made a profound statement about preaching. He said, "Preaching is getting a message from God's heart to my heart and delivering it to your heart. Anything else is just filling in time." What a profound, insightful, needful statement! The Lord God promised to give his church pastors after his own heart, who would feed his people with knowledge and with understanding (Jeremiah 3:15). He commands his prophets, "Speak ye comfortably" (to the heart) to my people (Isaiah 40:2). That is the responsibility of every gospel preacher every time he speaks to eternity bound men and women in the name of God. But it is a task no man can accomplish. The only way any mere man can speak the things of God to the heart of another is if God himself is pleased to speak through him.

DON FORTNER

WITNESS OF CHRIST

While not every child of God is called to be a public preacher of the Word, every child of God is called upon to be a witness of Christ. Every child of God is called upon to do his part in the Great Commission, "*Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.*" (MARK 16:15)

Does somebody say, "How?" There are two ways to be a witness of Christ. The first way is to preach without the Word. Peter said in 1 PETER 3:1, "*Wives, be in subjection to your husbands: that if any obey not the Word, they may also without the Word be won by the conversation of their wives.*" That obviously does not mean that you can be saved by observing the good conduct of someone else. However, it does mean that somebody can be so impressed with our conduct it can lead them to ask us "*a reason for the hope that is in you.*" (1 PETER 3:15) The way we live before others is a powerful sermon! It demonstrates the reality of our faith! But no one is saved by merely seeing a good example. They must hear the gospel. So we preach with the Word. As the Lord opens the door, we testify to them how God saved us, we give those [sermon recordings] or literature, we invite them to worship services, and we financially support the spread of the gospel. Every believer is called upon to be a fisher of men in that sense!

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